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A report of a suspicious person lurking near John Battle High School has resulted in a police pursuit and numerous charges being placed against the vehicle's driver and an occupant.

According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, at approximately 1:50pm today, school personnel alerted School Resource Deputy Robbie Cruise that a white male subject was hanging around John Battle High School. Deputy Cruise located the individual and confronted him on Battle Hill Drive. The individual exchanged words with the deputy, jumped into an older model Toyota being driven by a female, and fled the location.

Deputy Cruise attempted to stop the vehicle, utilizing lights and siren. The vehicle headed south on Lee Highway, traveling into the City of Bristol. The vehicle ran numerous red lights at the intersections of Old Dominion Road, near the Highland's Center, and at Exit 7 and attempted to make a right turn near the 2450 block of Lee Highway. The vehicle slid off the roadway, striking a small tree. Both the male passenger and the female driver fled the vehicle on foot. The female was apprehended a short time later by Bristol, VA Police. The male subject circled back to the Toyota and fled the scene, again traveling down Lee Highway with Deputy Cruise in pursuit.

The vehicle travelled approximately one mile before crashing and disabling the vehicle at the intersection of Lee Highway and Blevins Blvd. The male driver, again, exited the vehicle and Deputy Cruise, again, initiated a foot pursuit. The suspect circled around took the deputy's vehicle. The deputy's vehicle was located approximately an hour later near the intersection of Young Drive and Reedy Creek Road.

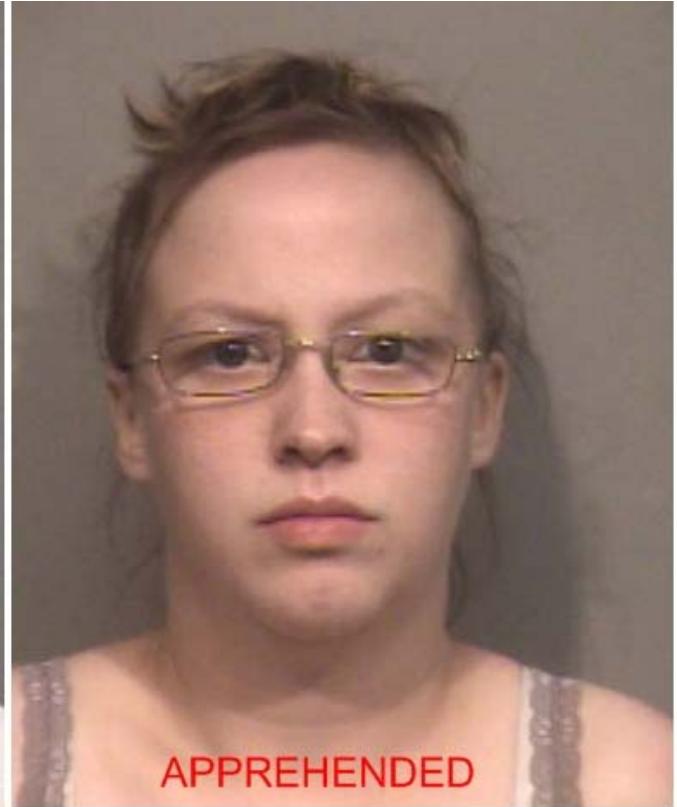
Warrants have been obtained for Kenneth Ray Clark, age 43, of 2022 Windsor Avenue, Bristol, TN, charging him with felony allude, grand larceny of vehicle, driving suspended and reckless driving. Clark has not been apprehended at this time.

BonnieGrace Richardson, age 23, with a listed address of 347 Camp Placid Road, Blountville, TN, has been charged with felony allude and reckless driving. Additional charges are pending. She is currently being held without bond in the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail in Abingdon, VA.



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Kenneth Ray Clark
2022 Windsor AVE
Bristol, TN



APPREHENDED

Bonnie Grace Richardson
347 Camp Placid RD
Blountville, TN